SUBJECT NO. 185.

Appointment of work-inspectors as sanitary inspectors.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It has been ordered that the pay of the new sanitary inspectors should be borne by the Taluk and Municipal Boards. In this connection it is suggested that such of the existing work-inspectors as are well acquainted with English may be permitted to undergo training in sanitary science and if duly qualified, appointed as sanitary inspectors with a small increase of pay. This will save some additional expense to Taluk and Municipal Boards and will at the same time be a source of encouragement to the work-inspectors.

Reply of Government.—The proposal to open a school to train these men is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 186.

Functions of the Divisional Sanitary Officers.

1. Mr. K. Shankarnarain Rao, Nagar Sabha.

2. Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The duties of these officers have not been defined. Being merely advising officers, they cannot produce any good results. Instead of the present Divisional Sanitary Officers, whole-time District Sanitary Officers with a good knowledge of local requirements will be more useful.

(2) The Divisional Sanitary Officers are in charge of a larger area than they can usefully deal with. The necessary local advice in matters of sanitation can always be had from the local medical officers. The more important matters regarding the sanitation of particular areas can be dealt with by the provincial Sanitary Officer. Moreover, the merely advisory functions of the divisional officers will not be of much use to the public. It is therefore prayed,

(*a*) that District Sanitary Officers may be appointed for each district and placed in executive charge of the sanitation of the towns and villages in the district under the President;

(*b*) that certain funds be allotted to this department out of the Provincial Revenues to be utilized by these officers for effecting sanitary improvements; and

(*c*) that in Municipal towns the Sanitary Officer be made to work under the Municipal President, the Vice-President being in charge of matters other than purely Sanitary (such as Revenue, Public Works, etc.).

Reply of Government.—The Health Department is still under formation. The duties of Divisional Sanitary Officers will be defined in due course.

EDUCATION.

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SUBJECT NO. 187.

Improvement of the system of teaching in Anglo-Vernacular schools.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) At present admission to Anglo-Vernacular schools is subject to the following conditions:—*viz.*, that the student to be admitted must have read up to the III class in Kanarese, if he wants to